

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, October 28, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform

- I. **Chairperson Jim Holley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain David Boyd provided the invocation.
- III. **Mission Statement of the Board of Police Commissioners.**
- IV. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

| Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance | | |
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| | Attend | Not-Attend |
| Rev. Jim Holley, PhD, Chairperson | Yes | |
| Martin Jones, Vice-Chairperson | Yes | |
| Darryl D. Brown | Yes | |
| Linda D. Bernard, Esq. | Yes | |
| Shirley A. Burch | Yes | |
| Willie E. Bell | Yes | |
| Willie E. Burton | Yes | |
| Lisa Carter | Yes | |
| William M. Davis | Yes | |
| Jesus Hernandez | Excused | |
| Annie Holt | Yes | |
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| Quorum (Yes) | 10 | |
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- V. **Chairperson Holley** called for any additions to the Agenda for Thursday, October 28, 2021, the motion was accepted and adopted.
- VOTE:** **Yes = 6** **No = 1** **Motion: ADOPTED**
- VI. **Chairperson Holley** called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2021. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**
- VIII. **Chair's Report.** Chairperson Holley reported on the following information:

- (1) **RECENT NEWS ABOUT (2) DETROIT POLICE OFFICERS CHARGED IN TOW CORRUPTION SCHEME:** The Board is aware of the recent bribery charges filed against (2) Police Officers involving a tow corruption investigation. It is sad to learn this news regarding this alleged criminal activity. However, we look forward to further updates from the Department. Our hope is that this corruption can be resolved and eliminated so that we can continue focusing on protecting the rights of our residents and the community and ensuring the Department delivers quality and efficient police services.
- (2) **EDITORIAL OPINION CLARIFYING THE DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS' WORK & ACTIVITIES:** Recently, as Chairperson of the Board of Police Commissioners, I provided a response to the Detroit Free Press News Article clarifying the Board's role and activity in response to an editorial piece citing inaccuracies and flaws about the Board's authority, role, and activity involving civilian oversight. I provided copies of my response to all Board Members, and I hope that the community has had an opportunity to review the piece as well in the Detroit Free Press. As the independent supervisory oversight Board of the Detroit Police Department, we must ensure that the community and all stakeholders are properly educated and informed about the work of the Board recently and since 1974. We continue to work with the Department and the community to ensure a model law enforcement agency and quality oversight. As I previously stated, as board chair, my goal is not for

civilian oversight to be an adversary to police or anyone. Civilian oversight is about engagement — engagement that helps the Detroit Police Department be the very best for the community. I hope you take an opportunity to review my response or the response by retired U.S. District Judge Avern Cohn. Judge Cohn served on this Board from 1975-79, and he was the U.S. Judge in the closure of the consent decrees seven years ago.

- (3) **REMARKS MADE LAST WEEK IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA REPORTS INVOLVING CITIZEN COMPLAINT REPORT INTAKE PROCESS:** Like Chief White and the Department, the Board works to ensure the Detroit Police Department maintains its standing as a professional policing organization. However, the Board looks to prevent and deter police misconduct from those members who engage in patterns and practices of bad behavior. To provide clarity regarding the method in which OCI, our investigative arm, handles citizen complaint reports when it comes to duplicates, please note that: When multiple citizen complaint reports are filed against a DPD Member stemming from one police encounter, the OCI combines those complaint reports into one case – and all those complainants become part of one single case investigation and all of them are contacted for witness interviews and other fact-finding as part of a thorough and complete case investigation into that police encounter. It is one case, but bear in mind -- one case may involve actions covered by several policies or procedures. OCI looks at and documents those as part of its investigation. We encourage the community to visit the Board's website and contact the OCI to file a complaint or to learn more about the citizen complaint process. To that end, we look forward to continuing our work with the Department to properly address the issues of police misconduct. We also look forward to receiving an update within the next couple of weeks about the Department's new Risk Management Unit process and monthly updates thereafter.
- (4) **OCI CITIZEN COMPLAINT CASE BACKLOG:** As an update, I have reviewed the OCI's current citizen complaint investigation caseload and backlog of cases as well as the OCI's Plan of Action to address and resolve the complaint investigations that are over 90 days. I am confident this Plan of Action, which includes the Board hiring and onboarding close to seven (7) investigators; maintaining all OCI Staff Personnel within the case rotation until further notice; and Board Members timely reviewing and approving cases when requested; will eliminate our current case backlog. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.
- (5) **REMARKS MADE IN JEST DURING LAST BOARD MEETING REGARDING "TAKING MEDICATIONS" AND OTHER COMMENTS:** Previously, I made comments in jest about a Board Member and possibly other remarks that may be offensive. I apologize to the Board, the Board Member previously referenced, and the community for those comments, and appreciate your patience with me. That will not occur again, and I continue to encourage us to remain professional, respectful, and considerate toward one another as we perform this very important work of civilian oversight.
- (6) **TODAY'S INTERVIEWS FOR THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD POSITION:** Last week, the Board submitted their top three (3) names for the Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners' position to City Human Resources. As previously voted upon, today, we will hold interviews for the top three (3) vote-getters. City HR will provide a report of the Board Members' submissions and, based on our submissions of our top choices, the finalists for interviews. HR will also share other key updates for our consideration.
- (7) **INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED REQUESTING FEEDBACK REGARDING 2022 BOARD MEETING CALENDAR AND THE CHAIR'S PROPOSED SUGGESTIONS:** I previously distributed information regarding my proposal for next year's Board Meeting Calendar, citing one presentation per week, and other key information for your consideration. Please review the material and share any feedback or recommendations by November 4, 2021, so that we may plan and vote on the 2022 Meeting Calendar.
- (8) **TODAY'S REPORTS:** We look forward to the Chief's Report regarding weekly crime data, the recent news cited earlier about the criminal charges of (2) police officers in the tow corruption, and any other critical incidents or events impacting the Department or the community.

IX. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information: Assistant Chief David LeValley reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID-19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting DPD and the community. Assistant Chief LeValley also provided information regarding some of the Board's recent inquiries: Recent media reports on the arrest of two members of the department; forthcoming DPD Chief's request for Suspension without Leave; current Request for Proposal for software to better manage towing; Rationale for DPD Members who separate within the first 90 days of employment and other updates on recruitment and retention initiatives; year-end report on barricaded gunman 2 incidents and outcomes for 2020 and 2021; Call Center Activity where calls from the Delray community were routed to Canada; and other key updates. **See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.**

- X. Report from Interim Board Secretary Melanie White/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**
1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 10/18/21 – 10/24/21
 2. Project Green Light Report 10/25/21
 3. Staff Reports

XI. Oral Communications/Public Comments:

Lieutenant Mark Young, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Sharon Pannell, Overwith is Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Brenda Hill, and Ms. Joy offered public comments.

XII. Unfinished Business.

A. Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners Position Interviews

Motion: Commissioner Holt moved “to approve the City Human Resource Report and conduct interviews for the Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners with candidates D’Etta Wilcoxon, Che Peterson and Jimmie Johnson.” The motion was accepted and adopted.

The Board conducted an interview of Attorney Che Peterson, candidate for Secretary to the Board. Due to technology issues, the Board was unable to hold interviews of candidates Ms. D’Etta Wilcoxon and Mr. Jimmie Johnson. Chairperson Holley stated the Board would hold the remaining candidate interviews at next week’s Board Meeting – Thursday, November 4, 2021.

XIII. Chairperson Holley adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.